



WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Submission on the Review of Ward Boundaries in Guildford Borough

West Clandon is a linear village in the Green Belt, of something over 500 dwellings some dating from the sixteenth century, with a twelfth century church and a well-known National Trust property, Clandon Park, which suffered a devastating fire in 2015.

It is situated in the Clandon and Horsley ward, which comprises of the villages of East Horsley, West Horsley and East and West Clandon.

West Clandon is closely connected to East Clandon and the Horsleys in terms of transport links. Trains from Clandon railway station connect West (and East) Clandon with the Horsleys and a bus service along the Epsom Road (A246) to the south of the village also provides a public transport connection between the Clandons and the Horsleys. The A3 at the north of the village provides a clear physical divide between West Clandon and Send.

The four villages of the Clandons and the Horsleys also share cultural and social links. West and East Clandon churches share a Rector and have shared services and activities. West and East Clandon also have a joint Residents' Association. A social organisation which originated from a mother and baby group (and which is now called Clandon Social) draws its membership from the two Clandons. Both villages actively support the West Clandon British Legion Club, which is a social centre for activities in East and West Clandon.

The Horsleys have two shopping parades (neither West nor East Clandon has any shops) and activities which are open to Clandon residents, such as the Arts Society Horsley, the Horsley & Clandon Society of Arts and a thriving branch of the University of the Third Age as well as a cricket club and football club which have coaching and teams for children. Pubs and restaurants in all the villages are, in normal times, much frequented by residents of all the villages, with a popular walking route over fields connecting West and East Clandon in particular.

In 1998 the previous boundary review originally proposed to remedy electoral inequality in Send ward by detaching West Clandon from Clandon and Horsley and adding it to Send.

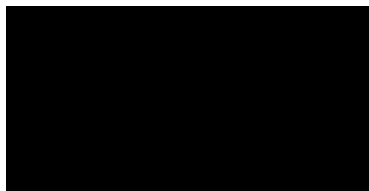
This happened, despite the fact that a boundary review in 1982 had altered the boundary between Send and West Clandon 'on the basis that the two parishes were distinctly separate.'

The 1998 proposal resulted in widespread opposition, including letters from over 210 local residents, and the Boundaries Commission decided to drop their proposal. They took into account the views put to them that 'there were strong community ties between East and West Clandon and between the Clandons and Horsleys and that there are community interests between the areas, which is not shared by Send to the north of the A3 and the presence of the A3 forms the boundary between West Clandon and Send, making Send a community distinct from the surrounding area.

West Clandon Parish Council are strongly of the view that for these reasons West Clandon should remain in the Clandon and Horsley ward.

If the Commission want to deal with the electoral inequality in Send ward looking forward, it might be sensible to redraw the boundary between the Send and Lovelace wards so that the whole of the planned Garlick's Arch development at Burnt Common falls into Send ward instead of being divided between the two wards.

Yours sincerely,



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